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Letter dated 2 December 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I regret to inform you that the letter dated 21 November 2012 (S/2012/869) sent to you by the Mission of South Sudan contained false and misleading claims and information, namely, that the Sudanese armed forces had bombarded from the air Bahr al-Ghazal state in South Sudan.

South Sudan is still hosting in its territory the forces of the so-called opposition Revolutionary Front, the stated goal of which is to overthrow the Government of the Sudan through the use of military force. That group continues to be linked closely to the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), Northern Sector, in Southern Kordofan. Moreover, South Sudan is providing the Front with moral and military support, in clear violation of Security Council resolution 2046 (2012).

The real purpose of the above-mentioned letter is to obscure an important fact: on 21 November 2012, several columns of tanks and military vehicles carrying soldiers of the insurgent Revolutionary Front set out from the territory of South Sudan and crossed the international border, in order to attack positions in the territory of the Sudan. Immediately after the insurgent forces had crossed the border, the Sudanese armed forces responded with the requisite force and employed the air force inside Sudanese territory.

The actions taken by the Sudanese armed forces were completely in keeping with its national duty to protect the territorial integrity, safety and security of the Republic of the Sudan. We have provided this information in order to clarify the facts and would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

We would also like to urge the Council to call on South Sudan to sever political and military links with the armed movements that are rebelling against the Republic of the Sudan in Southern Kordofan and Darfur, and to cease hosting them and providing them with military support. It is in the interests of our peoples to allow our two States complete the peace process.

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